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SUBJECT: WIPO AND EO-10422 PROCEDURES ON CLEARANCES OF US CITIZENS
EMPLOYED BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. IN RESPONSE TO MISSION LETTER INFORMING PERSONNEL
OFFICERS OF UN-RELATED ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA OF CHANGES
IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 10422 MADE BY EXECUTIVE ORDER 11890,
WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO) HAS SENT
BACK THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE:

QUOTE:

YOUR LETTER IS THE FIRST COMMUNICATION EVER
RECEIVED BY OUR ORGANIZATION ON SUCH REQUIREMENTS.
NEITHER THE CONVENTION ESTABLISHING WIPO NOR OUR STAFF
REGULATIONS AND RULES PROVIDE FOR CONTACTS WITH GOVERNMENT
AUTHORITIES OF OUR MEMBER STATES IN CONNECTION WITH THE
EMPLOYMENT OR INTENDED EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONS WHO ARE THEIR
NATIONALS.

IF YOUR GOVERNMENT SHOULD DESIRE SUCH CONTACTS, WE SHALL
BE GLAD TO TRANSMIT TO THE WIPO COORDINATION COMMITTEE
(WHICH IS THE ORGAN COMPETENT IN PERSONNEL MATTERS) ANY
PROPOSAL WHICH YOUR GOVERNMENT MAY WISH TO MAKE TO
SUCH EFFECT. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS ONE OF
THE MEMBERS OF THE SAID COMMITTEE.

UNQUOTE.

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2. WHEN WE RAISED IN INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS WITH WIPO QUESTION OF WHY WE WOULD HAVE TO GET APPROVAL FROM COORDINATION COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT, WIPO CITED PRECEDENT FOR THEIR POSITION UNESCO HANDLING OF QUESTION IN 1953. ONLY AFTER MATTER WAS DISCUSSED BY EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNESCO AND REFERRED TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE DID UNESCO DG FEEL THAT HE HAD SUFFICIENT AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT. WIPO NOTES THAT UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE DID NOT TAKE A DECISION, BUT ONLY DISCUSSED ISSUE. COPY OF UNESCO DOCUMENT SUBMITTING ISSUE TO GENERAL CONFERENCE BEING SENT INTERNATIONAL AIRMAIL TO IO/EX-CARROLL AND EB/IFD/BP-WINTER.

3. MISSION DOES NOT BELIEVE IT DESIRABLE TO HAVE THIS SUBJECT DISCUSSED BY WIPO COORDINATION COMMITTEE AS U.S. IS ONLY COUNTRY MAKING SUCH A REQUEST AND OUR REASONS COULD EASILY BE MISINTERPRETED. WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE THIS QUESTION FURTHER WITH WIPO AND IN PARTICULAR TO EXPLAIN TO THEM HOW AGREEMENTS WERE REACHED WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND WHY COORDINATION COMMITTEE APPROVAL MAY NOT BE NECESSARY. UNFORTUNATELY, AS AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WERE REACHED YEARS AGO AND AS OUR FILES AND COLLECTIVE MEMORIES DON'T GO BACK THAT FAR, WE WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON GUIDANCE. CATTO

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